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1. PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL EMBOFF DISCUSSED U.S. OBJECTIONS TO SOMAVIA CANDIDACY WITH RESPONSIBLE FONOFF OFFICIAL (NANAO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FONOFF UN BUREAU'S ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIVISION), STRESSING THAT OUR OBJECTIONS STEM FROM SOMAVIA'S DEMONSTRATED LACK OF OBJECTIVITY ON MNC ISSUES, AND GAVE HIM NAMES OF POSSIBLE CANDIDATES MENTIONED REFTEL.

2. NANAO EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH OUR ASSESSMENT OF SOMAVIA'S SHORTCOMINGS AND WITH IMPORTANCE OF FINDING SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE CANDIDATE. HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH AND COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON SAFARIAN (CANADA) AND BUTLER (AUSTRALIA) AND SAID HE WOULD ALSO CONSULT WITH JAPAN'S REP ON GROUP OF EMINENT PERSONS, TOKYO U. PROF. KOMIYA, CONCERNING THESE AND OTHER POSSIBEL CANDIDATES. HE ALSO BROACHED POSSIBILITY OF SELECTING DIRECRO FROM AMONG MORE MODERATE LDCS, POSSIBLY AN ASIAN.

3. NANAO SUGGESTED THAT OECD COUNTRIES COULD EXCHANGE VIEWS ON DIRECTORSHIP OF MNC CENTER THROUGH THEIR DELEGATES AT EITHER UN OR OECD, WHICH POSSESSES CONSIDERABLE EXPERTISE ON MNC'S, BOTH AMONG DELEGATES AND IN ITS SECRETARIAT.

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